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Library Publishes Essays on Ethnic Recordings in America

In the early years of this century, the fledgling recording companies—Columbia Records, the Victor Talking Machine Co., the Edison Co., and others—began experimenting with the production of foreign-language recordings. The foreign-born population of the country was large in those years, estimated at 13.5 percent of the total, and many of these people longed for the sounds of their homeland and native ethnic groups. Moderately priced discs—a two-sided disc sold for 75 cents—recorded in America that offered songs, music, skits, and dialogues from countries and cultures all over the world were popular among the immigrant population. From 1906, when a Columbia Records catalog listed discs and cylinder recordings in 11 foreign languages, including German, Danish, and Polish, and mentioned a separate catalog exclusively for Spanish-language materials, the number of groups represented and recordings issued grew quickly. By 1930, Victor and Columbia catalogs offered releases directed to some 50 cultural groups, both large and small. Recordings were available in widely spoken languages such as French and Italian and in the Annamite, Croatian, and Welsh languages shared by much smaller cultural groups.

The advent of radio and the economics of the Great Depression disrupted the production of foreign-language discs by the major recording companies. It was not until after World War II that the production of new releases was resumed, and by then foreign-language recordings were rapidly becoming the domain of small, independent specialty-record producers.

In January 1977, the American Folklife Center sponsored a conference to focus attention on ethnic music and spoken-word recordings produced in the United States and to pay tribute to the role of the record and music publishing companies in support of ethnic musical expression. The conference, entitled "Ethnic Recordings in America: A Neglected Heritage," drew together some 150 scholars,

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producers, performers, collectors, and community leaders directly involved with the ethnic recording industry for two days of seminars and lectures. Conference speakers included business people such as Myron Surmach, whose book and record store in New York City has served the musical needs of the city's Ukrainian community since 1917, and Alvin Sajewski, who has managed a comparable enterprise, begun by his father in 1897, directed towards the Polish community in Chicago, Ill. Scholarly comments on the history and significance of the ethnic recording industry were provided by Finnish scholar Pekka Gronow and Richard K. Spottswood, editor of the Library's long-playing series, "Folk Music in America." The performer's role within the industry was highlighted by a roundtable discussion during which Lydia Mendoza, well known in the Southwest for her performances of "Musica Norteña" (Northern Music), was interviewed, with James S. Griffith acting as commentator.

A publication from that conference which bears the same name, *Ethnic Recordings in America: A Neglected Heritage*, was recently issued by the Library. The book, edited by Judith McCulloh, opens with two essays on the development of the ethnic recording industry—"Ethnic Recordings: An Introduction" by Pekka Gronow and "Commercial Ethnic Recordings in the United States" by Richard K. Spottswood. These are followed by an overview, "Early Field Recordings of Ethnic Music," describing some of the holdings of the Library of Congress, including early recordings of American Indians, by Joseph C. Hickerson, and three chapters focusing on specific ethnic groups—"Irish Ethnic Recordings and the Irish-American Imagination" by Mick Moloney, "The Sajewski Story: Eighty Years of Polish Music in Chicago" by Richard K. Spottswood, and an interview with Lydia Mendoza by James S. Griffith entitled "La Alondra de la Frontera: The Lark of the Border," published in Spanish and in English. The final chapter of the book, "Recorded Ethnic Music: A Guide to Resources" by Norm Cohen and Paul Wells, surveys the current status of ethnic recordings in the United States.

The 269-page publication is indexed and is amply illustrated with some 122 photographs of performers, record labels, catalog covers, and related manuscript materials representative of the ethnic recording industry. The book also includes a foreword by Alan Jabbour, director of the American Folklife Center, and the welcoming remarks of Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin.

The books is more than a transcription of the conference proceedings. As Dr. Jabbour states in its opening pages, "It carries on the initiative of the conference a step further—exploring more deeply some themes and exemplary figures contemplated at the conference, and beginning the task of assembling the research tools requisite to serious future investigation of the subject."

Ethnic Recordings in America: A Neglected Heritage is available by mail for $13 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 030–001–00098–2), or in person only from the Information Counter, Thomas Jefferson Building.

Falkland Islands Topic of First of New Series of Bibliographies

The recent international conflict in the South Atlantic underscores the need for knowledge of the area. Whether the islands off the southeast coast of Argentina are known in the future as the Falklands or the Malvinas, their place in history is assured as never before. It is for these reasons that these hitherto little-known lands have been chosen as the subject of the first in a new bibliographic series entitled Hispanic Focus.

A Selective Listing of Monographs and Government Documents on the Falkland/Malvinas Islands in the Library of Congress (Hispanic Focus No. 1) was compiled by Everette E. Larson of the Hispanic Division. The 28-page bibliography includes 149 monographs ranging in date from 1769 to 1982, primarily in English and Spanish, and 47 items in the category of "Official Documents," which also cover the period from the late 18th century to the present.

Hispanic Focus is an occasional series of short bibliographies, reading lists, and reference aids on issues of contemporary relevance. Its purpose is

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Spanish Minister of Culture Soledad Becerril visited the Library of Congress on July 1 while she was in Washington, D.C., for the opening of the El Greco exhibition at the National Gallery of Art. She was welcomed to the Library by Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh, who escorted her on a tour of the Main Reading Room and the Hispanic Division. In addition, the Minister, who is also a member of the Cortes or Spanish parliament, had a briefing from Director Gilbert Gude of the Congressional Research Service.

Among those accompanying the official party were José Lladó, Ambassador of Spain to the United States; Javier Malagón, cultural attache at the Embassy of Spain; Julian Marías, former member of the upper chamber of the Cortes and a Spanish philosopher and member of the Library's Council of Scholars; and Beatriz Rodriguez of the Ministry of Culture. Also present from the Library was Georgette M. Dorn, specialist in Hispanic culture and head of the Reference Section, Hispanic Division.

Pictured during the Jefferson Building tour are (left photograph, left to right) William J. Welsh, Javier Malagón, José Lladó, and Soledad Becerril. En route to the Madison Building (right photograph, left to right) are Julian Marías, Ambassador Lladó, Deputy Librarian Welsh, Beatriz Rodriguez (in the background), Minister Becerril, and Georgette Dorn.

to acquaint the reader with materials in the Library's collections that bear on such issues and to make them more accessible for research. Individual topics covered by the series may be expanded or included in later bibliographic works. New titles will be announced in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin* and will be distributed free upon request from the Library of Congress, Hispanic Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Scholars Encouraged to Respond to *Directory of Latin Americanists*

The Library's Hispanic Division is currently producing a completely new, third edition of the *National Directory of Latin Americanists* (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for August 28, 1981, pp. 290–1). As the data collection phase draws to a close, the National Directory Project encourages all interested scholars who have not done so to complete and return their questionnaires to the Library. Project funding levels will not permit a second blanket mailing of the questionnaire. Scholars who require an additional copy of the questionnaire or those who have not yet been canvassed are encouraged to request one from the Library of Congress, Hispanic Division, National Directory Project, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The directory, which provided biographical and bibliographical information on Latin American specialists in the United States, is a basic reference work used by students and journalists, foreign scholars, research institutions, and development organizations, as well as by Latin American studies programs. With the cooperation of Latin Americanists in all fields, the *National Directory of Latin Americanists* can continue to be an important resource for teaching, research, and work in the field of Latin American studies.

APPENDIX I

Reports on the 73rd Annual Conference Of the Special Libraries Association

Detroit, Mich., June 5–10, 1982

Geography and Map Division

Members of SLA's Geography and Map Division were treated to a full schedule of events, meetings, and papers capably arranged by the division's program planner, James O. Minton, map librarian, University of Michigan. Featured in the program for the first time were an SLA-sponsored continuing education course specifically aimed at the needs of geography and map librarians; a division poster session; a streamlined business meeting; and a division awards dinner.

The continuing education course of special interest to division members was offered on Saturday, June 5. Entitled "Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems," the course was taught by Eugene Jaworski of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, and Charles E. Olson, Jr., of the University of Michigan. The course was particularly apropos of the conference theme, "New Technologies—New Frontiers."

The Geography and Map Division's Executive Board and committee chairs met on Sunday afternoon. Later, the division's first poster session was held in Cobo Hall in conjunction with the opening of the conference exhibits. Fifteen map librarians displayed and discussed "Maps for Special Librarians." This well-received session included displays of cartographic materials in the following categories: "Biological Sciences & Pharmaceutical," "Business & Finance & Insurance & Employee Benefits," "Chemistry & Metals/Materials," "Education & Library Management," "Engineering & Science/Technology," "Environmental Information & Natural Resources," "Information Technology & Telecommunications," "Food & Nutrition," "Newspaper, Publishing and Advertising & Marketing," "Public Utilities," "Physics-Astronomy-Math & Nuclear Science," "Military Librarians," "Social Science, Museums, Arts & Humanities, and Picture," "Petroleum & Energy Resources," and "Aerospace."

Sunday's events concluded with the division's evening open house in its suite at the Pontchartrain Hotel.

The program on Monday, June 7, was devoted exclusively to division business. This year, in an attempt to streamline the conduct of division affairs, the program was divided into four sessions. At the first session held from 12 to 2 p.m., division committee chairs presented oral reports and received feedback from the more than 50 members present. Reports delivered included those of the Archives, By-laws, Cataloging, Membership, Professional Concerns, Publications, Standards, and Education Committees. The latter's report took the form of a slide/tape presentation entitled "Introduction to Map Libraries." This recently completed 20-minute slide/tape presentation was prepared by Anita Oser, University of Western Carolina, Cullowhee, N.C., and Richard W. Stephenson, of the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division. The presentation was enthusiastically received by the membership.

The second session, held from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m., consisted of reports from division representatives to various committees and organizations.

The third session, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., consisted of reports from other professionally related organizations. Included in this session was a report by David K. Carrington on the current activities of the Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress. He noted that the Library of Congress has joined with the University of Michigan to publish in microfiche the area cutter lists for the United States. This will supplement the Library of Congress "G" classification schedule. Mr. Carrington also reported that the Library was about to begin a pilot project to reproduce on 105mm film its entire collection of 19th-century land ownership maps of American counties.

One aspect of this session with potential adverse effect on map libraries was a report by an official of the National Ocean Survey that it is considering the possibility of copyrighting its nautical charts and increasing the sale price of each chart from $4 to $45. The latter charge would permit the Survey to recover the full cost of producing each chart, including basic research.

The final session of the business meeting was conducted from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. At this session, all business requiring action of the members was conducted including the approval of the minutes from the last business meeting, the treasurer's report, and the Nominations Committee report. Elected unanimously were Marsha Selmer, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, vice chair, and Muriel Strickland, San Diego State University, secretary-treasurer. James Minton, University of Michigan, this year's vice chair, automatically becomes the division chair for 1982–83.

STAFF NEWS

Samuel Dove Will Head Loan Division Records Section

Samuel Dove, who has served since 1980 as head of the Processing Unit, Circulation and Control Section, at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), in Bethesda, Md., will become head of the Records Section in the Library's Loan Division on August 23. In his present capacity at NLM, Mr. Dove oversees the work of 55 employees, who retrieve collection items for onsite readers and process (mostly by photoduplication) about 250,000 interlibrary loan requests per year.

In his new position, he will oversee manual and automated operations of 26 staff members who prepare and maintain library material charges for 130,000 external loans per year (to Congress, other Federal agencies, and nationally and internationally through interlibrary loan). The Records Section staff also handles document delivery, staff loans, Congressional and special borrowing authorizations, and a Central Charge File tracking some million temporary internal and external locations (such as works assigned to a reference collection, in Preservation Microfilming, on loan to the Lenin Library in Moscow, or to the University Library in Moscow, Idaho).

For one year in 1979–80, Mr. Dove was a Library Associate at NLM, in a competitive program similar to the Library of Congress Intern Program. Under the NLM Associate Program, which offers training to postgraduate librarians in medical librarianship. Mr. Dove received advanced training in library and information systems, management and analysis, and in library automation, including MEDLINE, TOXLINE, SERLINE, and OCLC. He had previously served for two years at NLM with SERLINE and as network file and publications coordinator.

Before coming to NLM, Mr. Dove held positions as reference librarian and bibliographer at Ramapo College in New Jersey, at the New York Public Library (mid-Manhattan and Bronx reference centers), and at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Montrose, N.Y. He started his career in librarianship as a library assistant at Brooklyn College in New York and continued as a trainee in the New York Public Library system. In addition, he has filled such nonlibrary positions as researcher for the Pan-African Skills Project and uniformed officer for the New York City Civil Court.

The author of "A National Plan for Library Development in Tanzania" (*Someni*, 1975) and "Analysis of Characteristics of Serials Not Held in NLM" (for publication in *MLA Bulletin*), he holds a bachelor of arts degree in social sciences from Fordham University and a master's degree in library science from the Pratt Institute.

The appointment of Mr. Dove, together with the appointment last spring of L. Christopher Wright as assistant reference section head for interlibrary loan, brings the senior staff complement in Loan Division to a satisfying full-employment level after an extended period of keenly felt vacancies.

Mildred Kolstrom, Annie McAlister Earn 20-Year Service Award Pins

On May 28, Mildred H. Kolstrom, supervisor of the Order Control Unit in the Computer Operations Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin by David G. Remington, chief of the division. John J. Pizzo, assistant chief, and Donald F. Willis, head of the Computer Operations Section, were also present.

Mrs. Kolstrom began her Federal service on May 30, 1962, with the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. She began her Library service on October 12, 1964, as a library assistant in the Arranging Unit of the Cataloging Distribution Service. Mrs. Kolstrom has held progressively more responsible positions as billing clerk in 1967, coding clerk in 1971, and coding clerk reviser in 1972.

Mrs. Kolstrom has increased her knowledge and performance by attending several in-house training courses. She received outstanding performance ratings in April 1977 and May 1979 and a quality increase in July 1979. Mrs. Kolstrom was promoted to her current position in February 1981.

Annie E. McAlister, a packer in the Wrapping Unit of the Shipping and Receiving Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, received a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on May 28 from Mr. Remington, chief of the division. Also in attendance were Andrew C. Parrish, head, Shipping and Receiving Section, Bennie L. Gilmore, and George N. Smith, the supervisor and assistant supervisor, respectively.

Mrs. McAlister joined the Library staff on May 21, 1962, as a custodian with Buildings Services, Buildings Management Division. She was promoted to mail clerk in the Cataloging Distribution Service on January 27, 1969, and on May 17, 1971, to her present position. Before joining the staff of the Library of Congress, Mrs. McAlister had been employed in private business since 1948.

On June 29, Carnegie Hunter of the Library's Special Police Force received a 25-year Federal Service Award pin from Associate Librarian for Management Glen A. Zimmerman (see the Staff News section of last week's LC Information Bulletin *where an account of this presentation appeared without the photograph).*

Pictured at the presentation ceremony are John Laffey, assistant chief of the Buildings Management Division, congratulating Officer Hunter on his years of service, Thomas M. Jones (far left), head of the Protective Services Section, and Mr. Zimmerman (far right).

Mrs. McAlister was awarded a Special Achievement group award in November 1981 for her superior accomplishments in tangible savings for the Library of Congress over a two-year period.

10-Year Pins Awarded To 18 Staff Members

During July, 18 staff members completed 10 years of service and were presented Federal Service Award pins:

Alfred Carter, Jr.	Collections Management Division
Florence T. Davis	Buildings Management Division
Harold D. Dawkins	Buildings Management Division
Reginald J. Downs	Collections Management Division
Richard C. Ehlke	American Law Division
Jerry Emanuel	Special Materials Cataloging Division
Prentiss L. Gillespie	Preservation Office
Evelyn C. Green	Buildings Management Division
Gloria L. Hammond	Cataloging Distribution Service
Carl E. Henderson	Acquisitions and Processing Division
Gary D. Jensen	General Reading Rooms Division
Celeste M. Moore	Catalog Management and Publication Division
Dianne S. Moore	Acquisitions and Processing Division
Inger Vej Nielsen	Shared Cataloging Division
William A. Reitwiesner	Library Services Division
Alonza J. Richardson	Collections Management Division
Jonathan E. Sanford	Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division
Dean Strohmeyer	Special Materials Cataloging Division

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Clemon Hammie, paralegal specialist, GS–7, OGC, 20092; Jessica Harding, secretary to the assistant director for systems engineering and operations, GS–8, ASO, 20290; Jacquelin Jenkins, serial recorder, trainee, GS–5, Cop Cat, 20194; Ronnie Perry, mail clerk (messenger), GS–2, CS, 20182; Linda Simpson, secretary, publication services section, GS–5, NLS/BPH, 20324.

Temporary Appointments: Marcia Alterman, reference assistant, GS–5, CRS RAM, NP; James Baldinger, library aid, GT–1, Photodup, NP; Wendy Ernst, searcher-editor, GS–5, Loan, NP; Pamela Hall, pictorial library technician, GS–5, P&P, NP; Nancy Katz, nurse, GS–9, Health, NP; David Lomita, APIF input operator, GS–4, Subj Cat, NP; Sundae Lucas, library aid, GS–1, Rare Bk, NP; Lauren

McKee, library aid, GS–3, Subj Cat, NP; Carolyn Rhone, library aid, GS–1, NRC, NP; Sharon Stewart, library aid, GS–1, Ser Rec, NP; Leila Tanner, bibliographic assistant, GS–4, CRS L, 20157; Kimberly Young, library aid, GS–1, Ser Rec, NP.

Reappointment: John Hackett, processing clerk, GS–4, Mss, 20303.

Temporary Reappointment: William Hawken, library technician, GS–5, G&M, NP.

Promotions: Irene Bailey, to administrative secretary, GS–7, Asian, 20237; Darlena Biggers, to reviewer, GS–9, Subj Cat, 20275; Helen Deas, to reviewer, GS–9, Subj Cat, 20275; Margaret Detwiler, Share Cat, to section head and descriptive cataloging specialist, GS–13, Desc Cat, 20208; Ida Eustis, to supervisor, Information Resources Assistants Unit, GS–9, CRS L, 20242; Jan Fenwick, Center, to input technician, GS–4, Desc Cat, 20214; Roslyn Rakoff, MARC Ed, to supervisor, Searching Unit, GS–10, CMP, 20362; James Richardson, to assistant executive officer, GS–13, CRS MAS, 20075; LaVerne Stringfield, CDS, to administrative officer, GS–11, Bldgs, 20302; Linda Tepp, to library information systems specialist, GS–13, CDS, 20196; Katherine Thomas, to reviewer, GS–9, Subj Cat, 20275; Shirley Williams, CRS ARS, to secretary to the chief, GS–7, MARC Ed, 20240.

Temporary Promotion: Siobhan Champ, LL O, to research assistant, GS–5, NLS/BPH, 20150.

Transfers: Darlene Dement, LL O, to serial recorder, trainee, GS–5, Cop Cat, 20194; Fredreatha Greene, CMP, to input technician, GS–4, Desc Cat, 20214; William Holder, Cop Acq & Proc, to accounting technician, GS–6, Cop Lic, 20258.

Resignations: Phyllis Bradbury, FRD; Victoria Engel, CRS S; Robert Offutt, CMP; Frank Reilly, FRD; Bruce Tait, FRD; Catherleen Washington, Photodup; Barbara Weissberger, Hisp.

Staff Activities

Charles W. Bean, searcher-filer (editor) in the National Union Catalog Section, Catalog Management and Publication Division, has been elected an associate of the (British) Library Association. He received this qualification by satisfying the association's requirements, which include obtaining an approved degree from a British School of Librarianship, maintaining membership in the Library Association for at least two years, and completing three years of approved library experience.

Floyd D. Hedrick, chief of the Procurement and Supply Division, has been recognized by the American Management Association (AMA) for his distinguished voluntary service in presenting management ideas to fellow managers. This honor will be marked by adding Mr. Hedrick's name to the association's Wall of Fame located in the reception area of the AMA Building in New York City and in AMA's Chicago and Atlanta Management Centers. Mr. Hedrick has been a frequent speaker and chair of many of the AMA's programs relating to purchasing.

Choral Society to Resume Rehearsals in Mid-August

The Library of Congress WRA Choral Society will resume rehearsals on Monday, August 16, in preparation for a show tune concert scheduled for the first

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A new exhibition of special interest to staff members and visitors alike is a display of unusual books acquired by the Library before the opening of the first Rare Book Reading Room in 1927. Entitled "The Early Years of the Rare Book Collection, 1800–1926," the exhibit's 32 books, pamphlets, and broadsides reflect with remarkable accuracy the Library's early history and the course of the development of its collections. Pictured here (on the left) is a first edition of Izaak Walton's The Compleat Angler, *printed in London in 1653. The work in its case (on the right) is Daniel Horsmanden's* A Journal of the Proceedings *(New York, 1744), the earliest account of a slave uprising in British North America, bound in a lavish 18th-century binding executed in Williamsburg, Va.*

part of November. The concert will be directed by John Watson. The Choral Society, which welcomes new members, meets on Mondays and Thursdays at noon in room 309A of the Jefferson Building. Further information is available by calling Leo Anderson, president, on ext. 77831.

On Monday evening, the division's first awards dinner was held in the Joliet Room of the Westin Hotel. Traditionally, awards have been presented at the annual business meeting. The evening's dinner speaker was Sherman Wu, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff, Ariz., who discussed "Planetary Topographic Mapping." The highlight of the evening, however, was the presentation of the SLA Geography and Map Division's honors award for outstanding achievement in map and geography librarianship to David K. Carrington, head, Technical Services Section, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress. Also selected for an award for the outstanding display in the poster session was Cheryl Naslund, graduate student in library science at the University of Michigan.

Tuesday, June 8, the Geography and Map Division went by bus to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where they were treated to an illustrated lecture by Richard Phillips entitled "Computer Graphics & Mapping." Following Dr. Phillips' speech, division members toured the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan, which is actively engaged in the preparation of maps based on Landsat space imagery.

Tuesday afternoon concluded with a wine-and-cheese open house for division members at the Map Collection, History & Travel Department, Detroit Public Library.

Wednesday, June 9, was devoted to a contributed papers session chaired by John Schroeder, Library of Congress Geography and Map Division. Presentations included "Design and Implementation of the Milwaukee Public Museum's Automated Map Catalog," Patricia Laughlin, Milwaukee Public Museum; "Geoscience Information Used in Offshore Exploration and Site Evaluation Studies," Janet Rudd, McClelland Engineers, Ventura, Calif.; and "DIDS: A De Facto National Atlas?," Mark Monmonier, Syracuse University. A subsection of contributed papers on remote sensing was chaired by Helen Jane Armstrong, University of Florida, Gainesville. Presentations included "Fundamentals of Remote Sensing" by David Lusch, Michigan State University, East Lansing, and "ULIC (University Landsat Imagery Consortium): History, Function, and Future" by Larry Carver, University of California at Santa Barbara, and Chris Baruth, American Geographical Society, Milwaukee. In addition, Dr. Armstrong reported on the University of Florida's recent major acquisition of space imagery from the Kennedy Space Center.

The program concluded on Thursday, June 10, with a field trip sponsored jointly by the Geography and Map Division and the National Resources Division. The trip began with a visit to the campus of the University of Windsor in Ontario, where the participants heard Elizabeth A. Snell, Lands Directorate, Ontario Region, Burlington, Ontario, discuss the "Canada Land Data System: Analysis for Canada Land Inventory." This was followed by a drive through western Essex County, Ontario, lunch at the Anderson Harbour Lite Tavern in Amherstburg, Ontario, and a tour of Fort Malden and the city of Amherstberg. [*Richard W. Stephenson*]

APPENDIX II

Reports on the 75th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries

Detroit, Mich., June 13–17, 1982

The theme of the 75th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), entitled "Inter-Link 82," incorporated the following subjects—general, consumers, government, substantive law, and machines—as topics for conference programs.

Among the topics of a general nature, librarians could select sessions devoted to challenges to library education, fiscal management for budgetary control, and the status of men and women in law librarianship.

In the area of consumers, several lectures were held regarding the creation and consumption of legal research tools, lay users in the law library, opening branch libraries, the decline of the city, and the promotion of public access to law libraries.

On the subject of government, discussions centered on documents update, search of the elusive administrative document, referral services in state and federal governments, and the role of government in producing and distributing information.

Several fields of substantive law received detailed treatment, such as bankruptcy, copyright, insurance, civil procedure, maritime, and foreign and international law.

Finally, the topic of machines was analyzed from the point of view of administration of automation, using small computers to teach patron and reference access to online bibliographic files, machine manipulation of subject headings, teaching LEXIS and WESTLAW, and the acquisition, bibliographic control, and management of microform collections.

[*Ivan Sipkov*]

Law Library Exhibit. At the 75th Annual Meeting of AALL, the Law Library of the Library of Congress operated an exhibit and information booth. The booth was staffed by Philip C. Berwick, head of the Law Library Reading Room, and Doris Jensen, reference specialist in the American-British Law Division of the Law Library. Marie Whited, subject cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division, also responded to informational inquiries.

The doubling of the size of the exhibit enabled many more Law Library publications to be displayed than in the past and allowed visitors to scan library publications and information pamphlets without interfering with the simultaneous computer demonstrations being given. The greatest interest expressed in Law Library publications concerned those about doing research in a given field and those comparative studies of recent origin (1981 or later).

A dial-up terminal with access to all public Library of Congress data bases was available, and a printer enabled visitors to receive hard copies of responses to their inquiries. Most of those interested in the Library's computerized information systems wanted to see a demonstration of the legislative data bases. They also wanted the subject search capabilities of the online card catalog demonstrated.

The people staffing the exhibit answered a wide variety of questions from a steady stream of visitors. A number of inquiries concerned the general services of the Library, but the vast majority of inquiries had to do with those services which can be provided to law librarians by the Law Library.

For decoration, the poster from the "Houses of Justice: County Court Architecture" exhibition, prepared by the Library of Congress Exhibits Office, was displayed and drew favorable comments. A number of people expressed an interest in purchasing copies of the poster. [*Philip C. Berwick*]

Business Meetings. The two business meetings of the AALL Annual Meeting took place on Monday, June 14, and Wednesday, June 16. The chair of the Election Committee, Rita Demody, announced that the new officers for 1982–83 are Leah Chanin, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, president; Kathleen Price, University of Minnesota Law Library, vice president/president-elect; Harry T. Martin, Harvard University Law Library, and Maureen Moore, World Bank Library, Executive Board members. A resolution was proposed and adopted recommending the following individuals be designated as Life Members: David Weiss, Florida College of Law Legal Information Center, Gainesville; Elinor Alexander, Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, San Francisco, Calif.; Marian Boner, Texas State Law Library, Austin; Adam Makay, Cook County Law Library, Chicago, Ill.; Anna Baker, McDermott, Will, and Emery, Chicago, Ill.; Mary K. Sanders, Sedgwick, Detert, Moran and Arnold, San Francisco, Calif.; Simon L. Goren, Case Western Reserve University Law Library, Cleveland, Ohio; and Caroline Brede, University of Minnesota Law Library, Minneapolis.

Treasurer Joyce Nalden reported that the associa-

tion has increased it membership by five percent and that it is in a strong financial position. Since the *Law Library Journal* is four issues behind in its publication schedule, the resulting $50,000 surplus has been invested. The total budget for the present fiscal year is approximately $552,000, and it is anticipated that expenses will not exceed that amount. President Roger Jacobs then introduced Bill Jeperson, the new executive director, who presented a brief report on the activities at headquarters. Superintendent of Documents Raymond Taylor was introduced and made a few brief remarks about his observations on the Government Printing Office.

The next order of business was a consideration of a resolution to grant chapter status to the following chapters: Dallas Association of Law Libraries, Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin, and Maryland Association of Law Libraries. The resolution was carried.

A resolution to amend the article I, section 1, paragraph (f) of the bylaws was read and considered. It passed at the second business meeting. The bylaw will now read, "A student member shall be any individual enrolled in any degree program related to law librarianship." The effect of the change is to remove the previous bylaws limit of student membership for those only in law school or library school and is in line with the AALL policy to encourage open membership and involve professionals in AALL activities at an early point.

President Jacobs announced that the Executive Board has considered a request from the New York City Chapter for $25,000 seed money to put together a computer-generated union list of legal periodicals. The board agreed to give the chapter a $15,000 refundable grant contingent upon legal advice as to whether such an action was *ultra vires* the AALL corporate charter. This action raised comments and questions from the membership present.

Elizabeth Kelly, chair of the Education Committee, announced that the preconference institute on "Fiscal Management for Law Libraries" was well attended by a total of 97 registrants.

The final order of business was a resolution to thank the Local Arrangements Committee and the Program Committee for their extraordinary efforts leading to a successful Annual Meeting.

[*Marlene C. McGuirl*]

Lay Users in the Law Library. This panel, organized by the Reader Services Special Interest Section, was moderated by Barbara Bonge of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Library.

The first of the four panelists to speak was Robin Mills of the University of South Carolina. In revising a previous convention presentation, Ms. Mills asserted her belief that there is little of real concern on the question of law librarians' giving legal information and advice to the public and that the possibility of private law suits for malpractice in this connection is only slight. Her main concern in providing service to the lay person was in the area of ethical, sociological, and philosophical obligations. She felt that law librarians should strive to provide access to legal information which is not incorrect or misleading to the lay user.

Gail Dykstra, director of the Canadian Law Information Council (CLIC), discussed the Canadian experience in providing public legal information, particularly in the public library. She described the work of CLIC in assisting various types of libraries in handling legal reference questions and knowing when to refer their users to law libraries.

Anne Beaubien, director of the Michigan Information Transfer Source (MITS), discussed the pros and cons of charging fees for access to information and services, especially for data base services. She described some of the experiences of MITS, a self-supporting system covering all fields but law and based at the University of Michigan, and she detailed the different cost factors used in charging fees.

The main concern of the last panelist, C. Thomas Ross of the American Bar Association's Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship, was public education about the American legal system. He described the work of the committee on the teaching of law in the public school system, and he also spoke about the committee's publication programs, conference and seminar programs, and other projects. Mr. Ross gave specific examples of how some law-related education programs use law libraries as components in instruction, as a resource tool, and he also described opportunities for law librarians to complement the law-related education movement.

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Promoting Public Access to Law Libraries and Law Collections in Public Libraries. The moderator for this discussion was Judith Foust, director, Library Development Division, State Library of Pennsylvania.

Colleen Ervin of the San Diego (Calif.) County Law Library presented a detailed report of a workshop organized this year to assess the availability of legal resources to the general public. These methods of assisting the layman in obtaining legal information were discussed: developing bibliographies and consulting services, preparing workshops, and contacting local libraries.

Anita Shew, law librarian, Butler County (Ohio) Law Library, pointed out some of the current con-

cerns in county law libraries. Offering free and open access to legal information is a problem since county librarians often view the general public as intruders and secondary patrons. County librarians are also concerned with the unauthorized practice of law, with the space for and security of materials, and have a fear of getting too involved with patrons' personal problems. A common sense approach is required in answering patrons' needs.

Shirley David, Minnesota State Law Library, described the Minnesota experience in providing public access to legal materials. Significant use of law collections by the public has occurred in Minnesota as a result of an institute for instructing public librarians in the use of legal materials. Plans have been made to develop reference policies, and effective referrals are being emphasized. Public libraries are now receiving some free state legislative materials, and the Minnesota Bar Association is providing free legal information as a public service by means of TelLaw, a library of tape recordings which contain general legal information about a variety of subjects.

Ellen McCarthy, Michigan State Law Library, described some recent projects instigated in Michigan to promote public access to legal materials. The development of a Michigan legal data base, consisting of decisions, state executive reports, compiled laws, executive orders, the Michigan Administrative Code, and instant bill status information, is being planned. The development of a Michigan Legal Information Network is being formulated. Regional law libraries forming the network would have access to the legal data bases, and a union catalog of network publications would be produced. Legal services would be available to the general public; however, a reliable funding base is needed.

Moderator Judith Foust invited program participants to identify the AALL local chapters they represented and to indicate the existence of local Public Access Committees and their activities. Librarians were advised to become familiar with the Library Services and Construction Act, 20 U.S.C. § 351 *et seq.* (1976) as a source of funding for projects concerned with public access to law libraries. [*Doris J. Jensen*]

Effects of the New Right on the Administration of Justice and on Law Libraries. Judge George W. Crockett III, Recorders' Court, Detroit, Mich.; James R. Neuhard, State of Michigan appellate defender; and Lenny Esquina, Office of Legislative Corrections of the State of Michigan, gave presentations on this topic.

Judge Crockett detailed the development of various Fourth Amendment doctrines from the early common law to the present and discussed their impact on today's society. More specifically, the concepts of unreasonable search and seizure, probable cause, and stop and frisk were examined.

Mr. Neuhard explored a recurring question in criminal law: Does the punishment fit the crime? After giving numerous examples of inequitable sentencing practices, Mr. Neuhard suggested procedures which would insure that sentences would accurately reflect the seriousness of a crime. Mr. Neuhard stated that more reliance should be placed on presentencing reports. He also suggested that there be a review process by an appellate panel so that grossly excessive sentences could be reduced.

Mr. Esquina spoke about the conditions existing in the various prison systems in the United States. He gave a brief history of the Cook County jail and stated that the Federal Government must build more prisons to house a growing prison population. Mr. Esquina also advocated the restructuring of the plea bargaining system in the United States.

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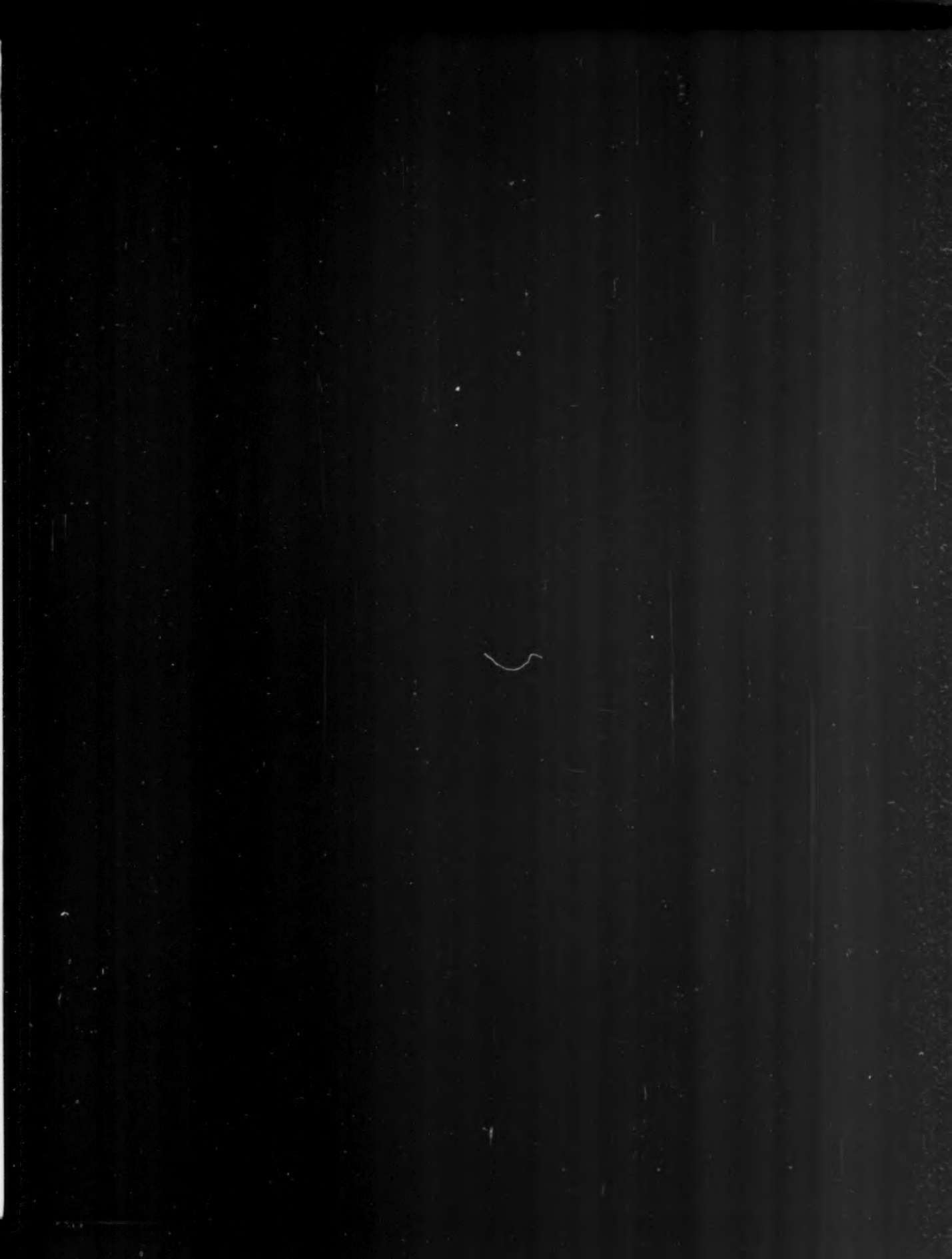
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